

House Resolution 1429

By: Representatives Epps of the 128th and Nix of the 69th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Ms. Pat Gay on the occasion of her retirement; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Pat Gay has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role that she has played in the lives of children and her deep personal commitment to the
5 young people of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy for almost 30 years as a children's librarian at LaGrange Memorial
8 Library, touching the lives of countless children and families with her storytelling abilities;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, a native of St. Louis, Ms. Gay attended Emory University and served as a
11 librarian in New Orleans before joining the staff of LaGrange Memorial Library in 1978; and

12 WHEREAS, she has delighted her audiences with her ability to capture and fascinate
13 children with voices, costumes, and reenactments; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Gay is a co-founder of the Azalea Storytelling Festival, which attracts
15 nationally known storytellers and over 3,000 attendees yearly and which was recognized with
16 a 1999 National Storytelling Leadership Award; and

17 WHEREAS, devoted to the craft of storytelling, Ms. Gay makes dozens of trips each year
18 to local schools, day care centers, and nursing homes to spread the joy of reading and imparts
19 her experience and wisdom by teaching storytelling to librarians, media specialists, and
20 would-be tellers; and

21 WHEREAS, Ms. Gay is united in love and marriage to her supportive husband, Sidney, who
22 enjoys being a member of his wife's storytelling audiences; and

23 WHEREAS, although her daily presence at LaGrange Memorial Library will be sorely
24 missed with her retirement, her influence will be present for years to come through the many
25 people whose lives have been enriched by her storytelling.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body commend Ms. Pat Gay for her nearly three decades of efficient,
28 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to LaGrange and the State of Georgia;
29 congratulate her upon the grand occasion of her retirement; and extend to her their most
30 sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Ms. Pat Gay.